

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

June 27, 1963
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Absent: None

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works; Robert A. Miles, Chief of Police

Invocation was delivered by RABBI LOUIS FIRESTEIN, Temple Beth Israel.

MR. HUB BECHTOL gave a progress report on the Aqua Festival, stating within two or three years this Festival would be tops in the country. He introduced the Aqua Festival Committee, the Quenn, MISS LINDA PRENTICE, the dutchesses, MISS MARILLA BLACK and MISS GILBERT. The Committee presented the Council members and City Manager their formal certificates and commissions as Vice Commodores. The Mayor said this Festival highlighted the City of Austin and Austin had so many things to be proud of in the way of its natural beauty.

MAYOR PALMER stated the City took pride in its employees when they earn particular recognition, and he read a resolution adopted by the Texas Municipal Advisory Safety Committee specially recognizing MR. FRANK B. BEARDSLEE for his work and dedication in the safety field, for his service in the interest of safety, and for his wisdom and wise counsel. MR. JIM MUSIC expressed appreciation for the fine work Mr. Beardslee had done. MR. FRANK COOK presented Mr. Beardslee a plaque, stating his colleagues honored him for the accomplishments he had made not only in his city, but for those he had made possible during his free time for other cities, and recognizing through his efforts the safety accident prevention work had expanded throughout the cities in Texas. Present were members of the Safety Advisory Committee from Corpus Christi, San Antonio, Austin, and other cities.

MR. LES PHARES displayed an emergency signal alarm and demonstrated its use. The Council discussed negotiating to see if a better price could be obtained. The Mayor suggested that the mileage again be checked. Councilman Long moved that

the City Manager be asked to investigate the possibilities of adopting this system for the next Budget year, and to make the best possible deal with the Telephone Company. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

MR. JOHN CAMPBELL, appeared before the Council to make a progress report on the TV Cable of Austin, Inc., stating over 50 miles of line had been constructed in the south Austin area, and the construction had been started in the University area. The whole distribution system is to be built around a micro relay system to five areas in the city; and from those points the signals would be distributed. Mr. Campbell stated an application for a micro wave permit had been filed with the F.C.C.; and four months after filing, the permit had not been granted. He asked the Council to write a letter or adopt a resolution urging the F.C.C. to expedite this permit or any permits they had to bring more TV viewing to Austin. The Mayor stated the Council would give his request every consideration. Later in the meeting, the Mayor referred to a letter Mr. Campbell had received from his attorney, in which it was stated these applications would be considered by the F.C.C. on July 3rd. The Mayor suggested that the Council wait until after July 3rd; and if the permits were not granted, it would give his request further consideration at its next meeting.

The Mayor read a news release regarding a proposed trip to be made down the Colorado River from Austin to Bay City. This 300 mile river trip is to tie in with the Colorado Industrial Association which will open Bay City to shipping. The Austin Aqua Festival would be publicized on the trip. Letters from the Governor, and Mayors of cities on the river would be taken to the Channel ceremonies. The request before the Council was to grant permission for motor craft in Town Lake for picture taking and publicity on Monday, July 1st at 9:30 A.M. Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be instructed to work out this permit for the time necessary for the picture taking and run down on the lake. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

MR. GEORGE ROWLEY stated it was his understanding a group of colored citizens would be present asking to play in the golf tournament scheduled by the Austin Golf Association on July 4th - 7th. He stated the tournament scheduled was an invitation affair and the matter of not including colored people was not one of discrimination, but one of not having sufficient room. If the top number of players come, there will be members of the Association turned away. The Mayor stated the Parks and Recreation Board recommendation was that the Austin Golf Association be given permission to conduct this tournament as it had. Councilman Long stated that was a unanimous recommendation as it was the feeling of the Board this was a private group. The City Manager read the minutes. Mr. Rowley stated just recently the Association had conducted an open tournament that permitted the negroes, but this was an invitation tournament. The City Manager

stated the Recreation Department had been collecting the tournament fee in the past, and suggested if the Association ran its own tournament it should do its collecting of the entry fees; as if the City helped in the collection of the entry fees it would get into the matter of this being a public tournament. The City would collect the green fees. After discussion, Councilman Long moved that the City continue its policy of allowing Golf Associations to plan and to conduct golf tournaments provided the City is not called upon to collect the entrance fees or determine the qualifications of the participants in such tournaments. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

MR. STEVE PRICE, Roxmoor Drive, requested permission to barricade Roxmoor Drive from 3:00 to 10:00 P.M. on July 4th between Exeter and Coventry Streets, as the neighborhood was planning a block party for the children. Councilman LaRue inquired about the city's liability, and the City Attorney made a report. Councilman Long moved that the Council grant this permission with clearance through the City Manager and Police Department. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

MR. HENRY BARNARD, Junior Chamber of Commerce, requested permission for a booth in front of the Austin Hotel to sell tickets to the PAUL HARVEY RALLY, July 1, 2, and 3rd, for about two hours during the day. After discussion, Councilman Shanks moved the requested permission be granted, subject to approval of the Austin Hotel. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Assistant City Manager stated the Jaycees were requesting, in line with their regular fireworks display, that they be granted permission to use the south bank of the Colorado River between Riverside Drive and the lake for this display at 9:00 P.M. July 4th. This request had been approved by the Fire Marshal. Councilman LaRue moved that the Council approve this request. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

Councilman LaRue brought before the Council the matter of the firemen's situation. The City Manager made a report stating during the spring he had been visiting the fire stations and discussing the problems with the firemen. He had talked to men at more than half the stations, visiting for hours at a time, and had first hand observation as the men lived and worked at the stations. Since it was time to go into the financial planning for next year in the preparation

of the budget, he said the firemen's request should be brought to a conclusion; and since he did not complete the rounds at the stations and talk to all of the firemen, he had called MR. TOM PINCKNEY and asked him to come in with his group and review the matter. The City Manager reported various matters were discussed including a possible revision of the firemen's pension plan. He said after his first hand observation, he had concluded that the working hours of the firemen were not in good balance with the hours worked by other employees; and if money could be made available in budgeting for the next year, he would recommend to the Council that the working hours be adjusted so the firemen could get their vacation without pay-back, which would result in a 56 hour week. Another problem the firemen had was being shorthanded during illness during the winter months; and in some instances they were required to work with only two men instead of three. Whenever possible the company that was operating with two people would be backed up with other companies full strength so there would be ample coverage at any fire. The Mayor stated this was a good move to help the actual scheduling of hours worked, and it would make a better work period. He suggested that the City Manager be instructed to try to see if this item could be budgeted and put into effect on January 1, 1964. Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be instructed to move out on this. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

Councilman White made the statement regarding his vote, that he was going to contact the firemen and see if they were all happy with this. The City Manager stated they were going to try to keep the department up to its full strength at all times. There are nine relief men authorized, and normally this number could take care of the sick leaves; but if there were a flu epidemic there might be 15 or 20 men out. Councilman Shanks stated he would like to commend the City Manager for making this thorough study; that he had done it over a period of months on his own time; he had done it in a very business like manner; he had done it with the idea that he was going to spend a lot of citizens' money and he had the responsibility of the firemen; and at the same time he was not listening to a lot of political pressure. He stated the City Manager had handled it real well, not only from the firemen's standpoint, but from the citizens' standpoint, and he was due some commendation on it.

MAYOR PALMER reported on a meeting with a group of workers from the Sanitation Department, stating one of the complaints was there seemed to have been a misunderstanding whether or not the sanitation workers wanted to work on holidays. They want July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The Mayor said the citizens should be put on notice that there would not be a pick up on July 4th, and these other holidays, but something could be worked out along that line. The City Manager stated publicity would be needed. Councilman LaRue stated a thorough check should be made with the men, as it looks as though the group did not understand; and if these holidays were given, some may say the other group did not understand. The Mayor stressed the importance that notice should be given to the public that there will not be any pick up on July 4th. He stated the men had made a mistake on the way they voted. It was pointed out that double time was paid for work on holidays. Councilman LaRue stated again that a check should be made with the personnel to be sure this is what they want. Discussion was held on follow-up pick up the next day, or skipping one pick up altogether. Mayor Palmer stated the policy and the vote should be that the pick up will be

skipped and that there would not be any until the next regular pick up day. When the pick up falls on a holiday, that particular day will be skipped. Councilman Long moved that the Council grant the four holidays that the City Manager recommended--July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

COLONEL HOOPER, retired from the Army, stated he had lived in Austin since 1945, and one would have to go a long way to get the service one gets in Austin. He stated Austin really took care of its people.

MAYOR PALMER reported another request of the Sanitation Division was \$1.75 an hour for helpers and \$2.00 for truck drivers. He stated he would not vote to increase one department without making a general increase to all City departments. The Council and all know another overall increase could not be granted without increasing the taxes or garbage fee; and rather than leaving these men under the impression that something might be worked out, the Council should say definitely it could not grant an overall increase, nor grant the \$1.75 and \$2.00 raise. Councilman Long stated the \$1.75 and \$2.00 request would be a considerable increase that these men were talking about, and it amounts to a lot of money. She would like to see a re-evaluation of the merit system in this type of work--the truck driver, the laborers, and in those areas--and that the increase be based on longevity and make equal pay for equal work, except give increases on longevity and take the merit increase money and redistribute it in this area. She asked that more studying be done on this, toward redistributing the merit increase money. She stated a study of the low income bracket group should be made to see if they were up with the rest of those employees in the area. The City Manager gave a report last week which showed that they were. She stated what the men were asking for was a pretty high percentage increase, and it would be impossible to reach that if it were spread all over the City. Councilman White stated he would not raise one department unless they were all raised, and he would not vote to increase taxes nor to raise the garbage fee for a salary increase for the employees. Whenever the time came for a general increase and the money was available, he said he had always been for it. Councilman Shanks stated he would not entertain any increase unless money was available and that increase went all the way down the line. Councilman White stated he did not think that the pay schedule was the trouble, but there were other things. He had checked on some of them, and some men were due merit increases and did not get them. Discussion was held on merit increases. After discussion, Councilman Shanks moved that a pay increase for this particular department not be entertained at this time, but that continued observation, as had always been done, for all city employees' wages be made; that the request of \$1.75 per hour for helpers, and \$2.00 for truck drivers be declined; and that the City Manager be requested to bring in the Wage and Salary Analyzation for the Council's consideration at budget time. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks,* White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

Councilman Long stated a doctor's certification would not be required to prove out sick leave. The City Manager said not as a general rule, but there may be cases where they may be required. The policy was adopted by the Council that the supervisors may make a determination that the man is sick. In most cases it would not require a doctor's certificate. It was brought out to determine whether a man was physically able to return to work, might depend upon a certificate from the doctor.

Councilman Long reported that the property on 6th and Canadian--the old oil mill--needed to be cleaned up. She stated it was in horrible condition. The matter was referred to the City Manager.

Councilman LaRue moved that the Minutes of the Meetings of June 6th and 13th, 1963, be approved. The motion seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Palmer

Noes: None

Present but not voting: Councilman Shanks

Mayor Palmer introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CHANGE IN USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA AND CHANGING THE USE AND HEIGHT AND AREA MAPS ACCOMPANYING CHAPTER 39 OF THE AUSTIN CITY CODE OF 1954 AS FOLLOWS: (1) LOTS 3 AND 4, C. O. BURKE ADDITION, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "C-1" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; (2) A TRACT OF 1.95 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF THE JAMES P. WALLACE SURVEY NO. 57, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 8501-8525 NORTH INTERREGIONAL HIGHWAY, FROM INTERIM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND INTERIM FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "GR" GENERAL RETAIL DISTRICT AND SIXTH HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; (3) A TRACT OF LAND HAVING AVERAGE DIMENSIONS OF 41 FEET BY 240 FEET, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 3506 EAST FIRST STREET, FROM "D" INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO "C-1" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; (4) (A) TRACT A: SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF ISAAC DECKER LEAGUE, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 401-407 STERZING STREET AND 1721-1729 TOOMEY ROAD, AND (B) TRACT B: SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF ISAAC DECKER LEAGUE, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 409-439 STERZING STREET AND 1720-1732 BARTON SPRINGS ROAD, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND SECOND HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; (5) LOTS 7 AND 8, BLOCK 2, RIDGETOP GARDENS RESUBDIVISION, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "BB" RESIDENCE DISTRICT; (6) A TRACT OF LAND HAVING DIMENSIONS OF 150 FEET BY 250 FEET, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 8115-8125 BURNET ROAD AND 2302-2320 TEAKWOOD DRIVE, FROM INTERIM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND INTERIM FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT AND "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "GR" GENERAL RETAIL DISTRICT AND SIXTH HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; (7) (A) THE EAST 150 FEET OF LOT A, BLOCK H, COUNTRY AIR ADDITION,

SECTION 1, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 8900-8922 NORTH LAMAR BOULEVARD AND 800-810 PEYTON GIN ROAD, FROM INTERIM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND INTERIM FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT AND "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND SIXTH HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; AND (B) ALL OF LOT A, BLOCK H, COUNTRY AIR ADDITION, SECTION 1, SAVE AND EXCEPT THE EAST 150 FEET THEREOF, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 812-846 PEYTON GIN ROAD, FROM INTERIM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND INTERIM FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "GR" GENERAL RETAIL DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; (8) (A) THE SITE FRONTS 92 FEET ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WEST AVENUE AND 100 FEET ON THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF WEST 18TH STREET, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 1707-1709 WEST AVENUE AND 709-711 WEST 18TH STREET; AND (B) TWO PARCELS OF LAND HAVING COMBINED DIMENSIONS OF 124 FEET BY 128 FEET AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 15,872 SQUARE FEET AND ONE PARCEL OF LAND HAVING DIMENSIONS OF 28 FEET BY 55 FEET AND CONTAINING AN AREA OF 1,540 SQUARE FEET, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 707 WEST 18TH STREET AND 1703-1705 WEST AVENUE, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND SECOND HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT; (9) LOT 3, BLOCK 2, RIVERSIDE ADDITION, FROM "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO "C-1" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; (10) LOT 3, BLOCK V, RIDGETOP FOURTH ADDITION, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "O" OFFICE DISTRICT; AND (11) A TRACT OF LAND HAVING DIMENSIONS OF 115.6 FEET BY 188.33 FEET, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 1149E-1151E, FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT; ALL OF SAID PROPERTY BEING SITUATED IN AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman White moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Present but not voting: Councilman Shanks

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman White moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Present but not voting: Councilman Shanks

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman White moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None
Present but not voting: Councilman Shanks

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Palmer brought up the following ordinance for its third reading:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 9.10 ACRES OF LAND, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE J.A.G. BROOKS SURVEY NUMBER 28, THE WILLIAM WILKS SURVEY NUMBER 29, AND THE PATRICK LUSK SURVEY IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Long moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The Mayor read a letter from the CAPITOL PAPER STOCK COMPANY expressing opposition to any raise in salary for the garbage men.

The Mayor read an invitation from MR. ROBERT N. KINNAN, President, Board of Directors, Goodwill Industries, to the Council to attend Goodwill Industries' night at Disch Field, Wednesday, July 3, to help promote the Austin Senators Baseball Club and to inform the public of the work of Goodwill Industries. Each person bringing a bag of clothing for Goodwill Industries would be admitted free of charge.

MAYOR PALMER read a letter from the Attorney General's Department regarding the Attorney General's Youth Conference on August 17th and 18th to make an effort to combat juvenile delinquency. Councilman White moved that COUNCILMAN EMMA LONG be appointed to represent the City Council on that Committee. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Mayor read a letter from the Lumbermen's Association, stating the Association was scheduling its convention at Austin on alternate years, and April 11th-13th, 1964, is the next date for their convention. The Association made a request for a small improvement, and that was for an unloading dock, which would not be costly nor would not detract from the appearance. The Assistant City Manager stated this request had been submitted to the Manager of the Auditorium.

The Mayor read a letter from the Housing and Home Finance Agency regarding the Citizens' Advisory Committee. The Mayor suggested that this Committee be appointed at the next meeting.

The Mayor referred the letter regarding Atomic Energy Commission at the University of Texas to the City Manager.

The Mayor read a letter from T. C. Calhoun, President, Texas Teachers Association of Texas, commending the open door policy on the part of many business establishments.

The Mayor read a letter from James M. Clay commending COUNCILMAN LaRUE in his welcoming address for the convention recently held.

The Mayor read a letter from Mrs. Everett H. Givens, expressing appreciation to the Council for the Resolution in commemoration of her late husband Dr. Everett H. Givens.

The City Manager reported that appraisals were being made on the property the City might purchase from the SOUTHWEST INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES, INC. between Riverside Drive and the river; but the appraisals were not complete. The Council deferred action on the zoning application filed by the SOUTHWEST INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES, INC.

The City Manager said there had been inquiry about the sale of property which the City owned on Lambie Street, Interregional Highway, and East Avenue, from the Texas Coaches Association. The City Attorney made a report on the two appraisals made, and recommendations about the future increased valuation of this property. He pointed out there was only 50' roadway out of 200' right of way that is now being used. Both the appraisers were of the opinion if Lambie Street was vacated, as well as part of this right of way, the property would be far more valuable than it is now. It was pointed out also that North Shore Drive was to be cut through with the main traffic artery going east on Holly, and this development would make the property more valuable. The City Manager stated he would not recommend vacating any of the right of way at this time until the plan for the development of the lake were available and detailed planning of this particular section was made. Because of the indefinite nature of future development and because of the fact future development will bring more money later, he believed it was premature to sell the property now. Councilman Long moved that this property not be sold since the plans are indefinite. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The City Manager submitted a request from Julius J. Segura to purchase property on Banister Lane and Ben White Boulevard. The City Attorney reviewed the appraisals made and the value of the property. The property is 198' on Ben White Boulevard and 95' on the west side. After discussion, Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be authorized to execute a deed to this property for \$12,500. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The City Attorney pointed out on a plat the City owned property in the East 51st Street and Manor Road areas, stating the City was in the process of acquiring other properties to add to what it already owned to throw into airport and related airport purposes. He pointed out the two Viscardi tracts in the area and stated they were now on the market. Councilman White inquired as to the use of these properties. The City Attorney said part of the property could be used in conjunction with the Berkman tract to enhance its value, and there was a number of requests for related airport uses being made. After discussion, Councilman LaRue moved that the City Manager be authorized to negotiate for this property up to \$7,800. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The City Manager made a report in connection with the development of the upper Blum Creek Sewer extension which was to serve Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Health Association Hospital on East Woodward Street, and farther out to serve the Ben White Boulevard area. There was an understanding with the Hospital group that they would share in 18% of the cost of a cash settlement. The work is now complete, and the cost was \$48,197, and 18% would be \$8,675.46. The people representing the Association sent a check for \$3,700, requesting six months to pay the balance of \$5,000. After discussion, Councilman Long moved the matter be extended for six months. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The City Manager reported that MR. IRBY CARRUTH, Superintendent of Public Schools, had again inquired about the city owned tract of land on the river bank, the tract once having been used by the County Vocational School. There are between 16 and 18 acres, and the tract is not adequate for a Junior High School. The School system would like to buy it, and build one school in the south and one in the north at the time the University Junior High School is relinquished. The City Manager stated there were two Police Association Little League fields on the north end of the tract, an auxiliary storage yard for the Street and Bridge, and the south part is under lease to the Federal Government as a site for a location of a Reserve Armory. The Mayor stated the plans are too indefinite on the Town Lake to sell that property. The City Manager stated other plans of the School system would be to purchase sufficient property which would involve closing of some streets, and the Council might work with them in their requests in that line. Councilman Long stated she would like to keep the river front for recreational purposes, as it would accomodate many people. The Mayor stated the City would not want to sell that property at this time because of the tremendous value of the Town Lake to the public use. Councilman Long moved that MR. SHANKS (liaison member between the Schools and the City) and Mr. Williams be instructed to confer with the members of the School Board, telling them in view of future plans, the Council would rather not dispose of this property at this time. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The City Attorney stated MR. JOHN L. McMILLEN and MR. RICHARD BAKER, Attorney, were the proponents of an incorporation of a city southwest of Bergstrom Field, Elroy and Pilot Knob. The property is located in Water District No. 6, and the contract with the District provides that the contract would automatically be cancelled if the district sells or delivers water to any one within limits of another town or village other than the City of Austin. Their purpose of contacting the City was to get it to waive that provision of the Contract. Councilman Long moved that the City adhere to its contracts with Water Districts in all instances. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

MAYOR PALMER stated a Committee was formed to raise funds for the TOM MILLER MEMORIAL, and the money had been turned over to the City. It was the understanding that they would get a committee together to meet with the Miller family and decide just what they wanted to do. He suggested that DR. I. I. NELSON, MR. DICK PETTWAY, MR. WILLARD HOUSER, and MR. DAVE SHANKS be appointed to work with the family and bring this to realization. It would be up to this Committee to work with the family to decide just what should be done, when, and to whom they will award the contract. Councilman Shanks moved that those named by the Mayor be appointed as this committee. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Mayor brought up for further consideration the Givens property on Greenwood Street south of 19th Street, stating they were trying to work out an arrangement where Mrs. Givens could sell the property. He stated the City had worked out a figure of \$2,780 for paving, and for obtaining water and sewer, but the figure was too high for a developer to develop the area. The Director of Public Works said MR. EARL CHASE said he was going to buy all of this Givens property, dedicate the street and pay for the paving up to Redwood. The Director of Water Utilities stated he had agreed if they would pave the street, the water and sewer could be extended. The Mayor suggested that they contact Mr. Earl Chase and work this out.

COUNCILMAN LONG inquired if anything had been worked out about getting water meters on Koerner Lane. The Director of Water Utilities made a report, stating this was being worked on with MR. GUITON MORGAN and MR. PLATT.

COUNCILMAN LARUE made note that Houston had just gone up on its water rate 50%, and that there is an \$80.00 charge for water meters. The City Manager stated there was tendency for utilities to go back to selling the meters. He stated San Antonio would be doing the same thing.

Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be instructed to have an appropriate resolution drawn congratulating MR. RAUL GUERRERO on his Award of the Year for Outstanding Service by the Rotary Club, and that the City Seal be attached to it, and a copy sent to Mr. Guerrero. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

COUNCILMAN LONG expressed appreciation to the Traffic Engineer for his fast action in getting a signal warning on the corner of 45th and Red River where there were some traffic problems. The signal is already installed, and Mr. Klapproth was to be commended.

COUNCILMAN LONG brought up the question of traffic controls at the intersection of Collier and Garner, stating the Traffic Engineer did not recommend controls at this location, although there were two reported collisions in 1963 and one in 1962. She stated the Council may want to think about this location again, and it would be watching it.

COUNCILMAN LONG submitted the request of MR. WILBUR BARFIELD, 4611 Avenue F, for a stop sign at 47th, Avenue F and Rowena Streets. She asked that the City Manager refer this request to the Traffic Division for a report.

MAYOR PALMER asked for a report on the Westover underpass. The Director of Public Works reported it should be open next week. The Mayor said this was the first underpass constructed on the first phase of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, and suggested that a ceremony should be planned recognizing all the former Council Members and Mayors and everyone that had worked on it since 1949, and the Chamber of Commerce, in addition to the Railroad officials who gave the right of way. Councilman LaRue suggested this be given quite a bit of publicity. The Mayor asked that plans for this ceremony be started.

COUNCILMAN SHANKS inquired about the water consumption during the past rains. The City Manager reported it was down about 22 million gallons.

COUNCILMAN LARUE referred to the sign ordinance, stating he had a request recently to have the signs removed from city property; and since he had brought this up, two other requests had come in. He had found out that Galveston is in the process of removing all signs from City property to beautify the City.

COUNCILMAN LONG inquired about the number of dog wardens employed at this time. The Chief of Police stated there were three, and a Chief Warden who handles livestock and supervises the other wardens. More dogs are being picked up this year than last year. He reported there were 14 cage-traps that may be put on property if the people would permit them. The contract with the Humane Society was discussed briefly, as well as the enforcement of the dog ordinance.

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The Mayor brought up the matter of the land trade with the Covenant Presbyterian Church, stating that MR. ERSSELL DUKE felt there should be an even exchange of the acreage. The City Attorney stated if the road is considered in one place, it would have to be considered at the other; and that the Church people selected the appraiser, MR. HAROLD LEGGE, and he appraised the city property at 30¢ and the church property at 22 1/4¢ per square foot. The Mayor stated he would tell Mr. Duke the appraisers had submitted a fair appraisal; and if the group wanted to come before the Council next Tuesday, the Council would be glad to hear them.

The Assistant City Manager gave a report on the petition for bus service in the St. Johns area, stating Mr. Clyde Malone had checked with the people on the petition and found a number of them were not in the area; and that he was working with MR. BARTEE to decide what the demand would be. Mr. Malone had suggested they would possibly put a bus out there on a temporary basis, but they could not make it economical unless there were two service.

The Assistant City Manager reported 12 or 15 cities had been contacted to see what the practice was regarding free golf passes for the press, and as soon as this information is available, it would be passed on to the Council.

There being no further business, Councilman Shanks moved that the Council adjourn. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Council adjourned at 4:30 P.M. subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

Paul E. Palmer

Mayor

ATTEST:

Elmer A. Anderson

City Clerk